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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
RENE CHIOCCA ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION : 09/582923
(BASED ON PCT/FR98/02810)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: DEVICE FOR TRANSVERSE :
IMMOBILIZATION OF NUCLEAR :
FUEL ASSEMBLIES INSIDE :
TRANSPORT CONTAINERS :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title, insert the following:

~~---~~BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION~~---~~

~~/~~prenumbered line 1, replace "Technical field" with --Field of the Invention--;

~~/~~prenumbered line 5, replace "State of prior art and problem caused" with

--Discussion of the Background--.

Page 2, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

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